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APPLICANTS: M. Galligan et al : GROUP ART UNIT:  
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TITLE: CATALYST MEMBERS HAVING :  
ELECTRIC ARC SPRAYED SUBSTRATES : ATTY DKT: 4339/4358A  
AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME :

**LETTER ACCOMPANYING  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 23, 1999

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b), the Applicants herewith disclose for consideration in the above-captioned patent application the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449. The only document enclosed therewith is U.S. Patent 4,969,329 to Bolton et al. The remaining documents were cited by the Examiner or submitted by the Applicant in Application Serial No. 09/071,663, filed May 1, 1998, on which the present application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120.

The enclosed Statement is being submitted before mailing of a first office action on the merits in the above-captioned application so the items submitted therewith should therefore be considered without necessity of a certification, petition or fee.

The filing of the enclosed Statement shall not be construed: as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR 1.97(g)), nor as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, nor as a representation that no other information material to patentability exists, nor as an admission that the informa-

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tion cited is entitled to prior art status relative to the above-captioned application, nor as an admission against interest in any manner.

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